

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PDEV, RH  
SUBJ: RHODESIA: ALLEGED AGREEMENT ON  
INDEPENDENCE DATE AND INTERIM STRUCTURE

REFERENCE: PRETORIA 1145

1. ACCORDING TO MARCH 2 AFTERNOON PRESS, ALL THREE BLACK  
NATIONALIST LEADERS MET WITH IAN SMITH ON MARCH 1 AND ACCEPTED  
A NEW " SMITH PLAN" FOR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. THE " SMITH  
PLAN" REPORTEDLY CONSISTS OF A FIRM DECEMBER 31 INDEPENDENCE  
DATE, A ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP FOR THE FOUR-MAN UPPER TIER  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AND BLACK/WHITE PARITY ON THE LOWER TIER  
MINISTERIAL COUNCIL. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE  
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BLACK NATIONALIST EXECUTIVE COUNCILS AUTHORIZED THEIR  
PRINCIPALS TO COME TO SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITH SMITH ON  
THE CONDITION THAT SMITH SET A FIRM DATE FOR MAJORITY  
RULE.

2. TWO OUTSTANDING ASPECTS OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT  
STRUCTURE WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED TO DATE ARE THE

POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER AND THE STATUS OF PARLIAMENT.  
MARCH 2 (MORNING) RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTED THAT  
MUZOREWA IS STILL HOLDING OUT ON THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT  
FORMULA AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL HE IS  
CERTAIN THAT THE BRITISH WOULD RECOGNISE IT. MAIL  
QUOTED " A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE BISHOP" AS SAYINT " THIS  
SO-CALLED COMPROMISE IS A DOG'S BREAKFAST. HOW WILL IT  
WORK WITH PARLIAMENT AND ITS MAJORITY OF 50 RHODESIAN  
FRONT MP.S STAYING IN BEING, MR. SMITH STAYING ON AS  
PRIME MINISTER BUT WITH ROTATING CHAIRMEN FOR THE  
TWO PROPOSED COUNCILS?  
IT IS A CONSTITUTIONAL NONSENSE. IT WILL NOT  
ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT THAT WILL END THE WAR AND END  
SANCTIONS UNLESS THE BRITISH ACCEPT IT."  
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